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RESPONSE A

Responsive to the Official Action dated August 20, 2007, Applicants hereby  
reply as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.